

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2004

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *ps*

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALEXANDRIA
COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD (CCJB)

ISSUE: Ordinance to change the membership of the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, January 24.

DISCUSSION: On September 16, 1995, City Council created the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board consistent with §9.1-178, Code of Virginia. The responsibilities of the CCJB are set forth in §9.1-180, Code of Virginia, and include evaluating and monitoring community programs, services and facilities to determine their impact on offenders, as well as facilitating local involvement and flexibility in responding to the problem of crime in the community.

At its October 2, 2003 meeting the CCJB voted to enlarge its membership by four members. The ordinance:

- (1) increases the number of citizen members from two to four, in order to increase the available community resources to support CCJB activities, to provide increased opportunities for citizens to become familiar with the criminal justice system in their community, and to provide a larger talent pool for implementing Board actions;
- (2) adds one representative from the non-profit community, to be recommended by the Alexandria United Way, in order to provide education and expertise to the Board on available resources in the non-profit community and to increase opportunities for non-profit and criminal justice communities to work together on shared problems and priorities; and
- (3) adds one representative from the business community, to be recommended by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, in order to provide increased opportunity for private/public partnership in addressing shared interests that the business and

criminal justice communities have in crime control and to provide expertise to the Board on available resources in the business community.

Prior to the CCJB meeting and vote, Alexandria Criminal Justice Services Coordinator Carol Swinburn spoke with the directors of both Alexandria United Way, Tricia Rogers, and Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Ken Moore, and received their endorsement of the proposed changes.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Ordinance

STAFF:

Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

Carol Swinburn, Coordinator, Alexandria Criminal Justice Services

George McAndrews, Assistant City Attorney